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The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 5-7, 11-13 and 16-19.

1. (Currently Amended) A lower cable block for a cable actuator, comprising:
  - at least one cable roller enclosed by a shrouding cover with entry and exit openings for a carrying cable;
  - cover elements in said entry and exit openings, said cover elements having cover openings for the carrying cable, said cover openings in the cover elements being smaller than said entry and exit openings in the shrouding cover;
  - wherein said entry and exit openings are slot-like elongated openings and said cover elements can be shifted with respect to said entry and exit openings by said carrying cable during operation of the lower cable block.
2. (Original) The cable block of claim 1 wherein said cover elements can be shifted in the circumferential direction of said cable roller in said entry and exit openings.
3. (Original) The cable block of claim 2 wherein said cover elements cover said cable openings from the outside and grasp rims of the respective said cable openings inwardly.
4. (Original) The cable block of claim 3 wherein said cover elements have an H-shaped cross section comprising a base strip, a web strip and a holding strip wherein said holding strip bears with a guide surface against an inner surface of said shrouding cover in the region of said entry and exit openings.
5. (Currently Amended) The cable block of claim 4 wherein said cover openings for the carrying cable have an opening surface whose width and length stand in a ratio of 2:1 to 3:1 to the diameter of said carrying cable.

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6. (Currently Amended) The cable block of claim 5 wherein said cover openings for the carrying cable deviate from a circular shape and are wider transverse to the circumferential direction of said cable roller.

7. (Currently Amended) The cable block of claim 6 wherein said cover openings for the carrying cable are fashioned as a channel that extends from the side facing said cable roller to a side facing away from said cable roller and expand outwardly.

8. (Original) The cable block of claim 7 wherein said cover elements are made as an injection molded plastic piece.

9. (Original) The cable block of claim 8 wherein said cover elements are substantially identical.

10. (Original) The cable block of claim 1 wherein said cover elements cover the cable openings from the outside and grasps the rims of the respective said cable openings inwardly.

11. (Currently Amended) The cable block of claim 10 wherein said cover openings for the carrying cable have an opening surface whose width and length stand in a ratio of 2:1 to 3:1 to the diameter of said carrying cable.

12. (Currently Amended) The cable block of claim 11 wherein said cover openings for the carrying cable deviate from a circular shape and are wider transverse to the circumferential direction of said cable roller.

13. (Currently Amended) The cable block of claim 12 wherein said cover openings for the carrying cable are fashioned as a channel that extends from the side facing said cable roller to a side facing away from said cable roller and expand outwardly.

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14. (Original) The cable block of claim 13 wherein said cover elements are made as an injection molded plastic piece.

15. (Original) The cable block of claim 14 wherein said cover elements are substantially identical.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The cable block of claim 1~~ A lower cable block for a cable actuator, comprising:  
at least one cable roller enclosed by a shrouding cover with entry and exit openings for a carrying cable;  
cover elements in said entry and exit openings, said cover elements having cover openings for the carrying cable, said cover openings in the cover elements being smaller than said entry and exit openings in the shrouding cover;  
wherein said entry and exit openings are elongated openings and said cover elements can be shifted with respect to said entry and exit openings, wherein said cover elements have an H-shaped cross section comprising a base strip, a web strip and a holding strip wherein said holding strip bears with a guide surface against an inner surface of said shrouding cover in the region of the entry and exit openings.

17. (Currently Amended) The cable block of claim 1 wherein said cover openings for the carrying cable have an opening surface whose width and length stand in a ratio of 2:1 to 3:1 to the diameter of said carrying cable.

18. (Currently Amended) The cable block of claim 1 wherein said cover openings for the carrying cable deviate from a circular shape and are wider transverse to the circumferential direction of said cable roller.

19. (Currently Amended) The cable block of claim 1 wherein said cover openings for the carrying cable are fashioned as a channel that extend from the side facing said cable roller to a side facing away from said cable roller and expands outwardly.

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20. (Original) The cable block of claim 1 wherein said cover elements are made as an injection molded plastic piece.

21. (Original) The cable block of claim 1 wherein said cover elements are substantially identical.